Fusion in the Guberna-

torial Contest.

IT IS NOW UP TO HIM

Wide Prohibitionists and Form-

er Ardent Supporters of Ex-

Governor Montague—Demo-

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tle Faith in It.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Washington, D. C., Feb. 24. PERSISTENT rumor, to the ef-

RICHMOND, VA., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1909

COLONEL COOPER WAS A DEFAULTER

State Goes Back Many Years to Prove Defendant's Character.

BONDSMEN PAID OUT VERY LARGE AMOUNT

His Attorneys Offer Many Objections, but Colonel Requests That State Be Allowed to Ask Anything It Desires-Cross-Examination Not Yet Finished.

ASHVILLE, TENN., February 24.—After a day replete with exciting incidents, the session of the Cooper-Sharp trial for the murder of former Senantor Carmack closed with the aged defendant, Colonel D. B. Cooper, still on the stand. The direct examination of the colonel, which began early yesterday morning, lasted until nearly noon to-day. Almost the first thing the State did on cross-examination was to announce that it would try to prove that Colonel Cooper was a effaulter to the extent of over shancery in Maury county. This precipitated a bitter fight between counsel, during which harsh words were used and much anger displayed, despite the efforts of Judge Hart to hold the reins tightly.

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OCEAN MAIL SUBSIDY

Special Rule Will Allow the Bill to Be Rushed Through.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 24.— interest in the debate on the salary forceases on the floor of the House twice to-day interfered with the meet-

Increases on the floor of the House twice to-day interfered with the meeting of the House Committee on Post-Offices and Post Roads to consider the Senate ocean mail subsidy bill. A meeting will be held at 10:30 A. M. to-morrow, and it is believed that the bill will then be reported out. The members are said to stand 10 to 8 for a favorable report.

It is planned to bring in a special rule for the passage of the bill if it is favorably reported.

The bill authorizes the Postmaster-General to pay for ocean mail service on vessels of the second class under the classification of the act of March 3 1891, at the rate paid for the class-vessels on routes to Bouth America, the Phillippines, to Japan, to China and to Australia. The service on vessels of the third class may be paid at the rate paid on second class vessels.

A clause is contained in the bill providing that if no contract is made on a line of ships between Atlantic coast ports south of Cape Charles and South American ports, and two lines are established to North Atlantic ports, one at least shall touch at two ports on the Atlantic coast, south of Cape.

tions Mrs. Eastman made after the division of the Department of Agriculture, at \$2.500 per annum.

Captain Fitzhugh, for the State, then the is a graduate of Clemson College.

of South Carolina.

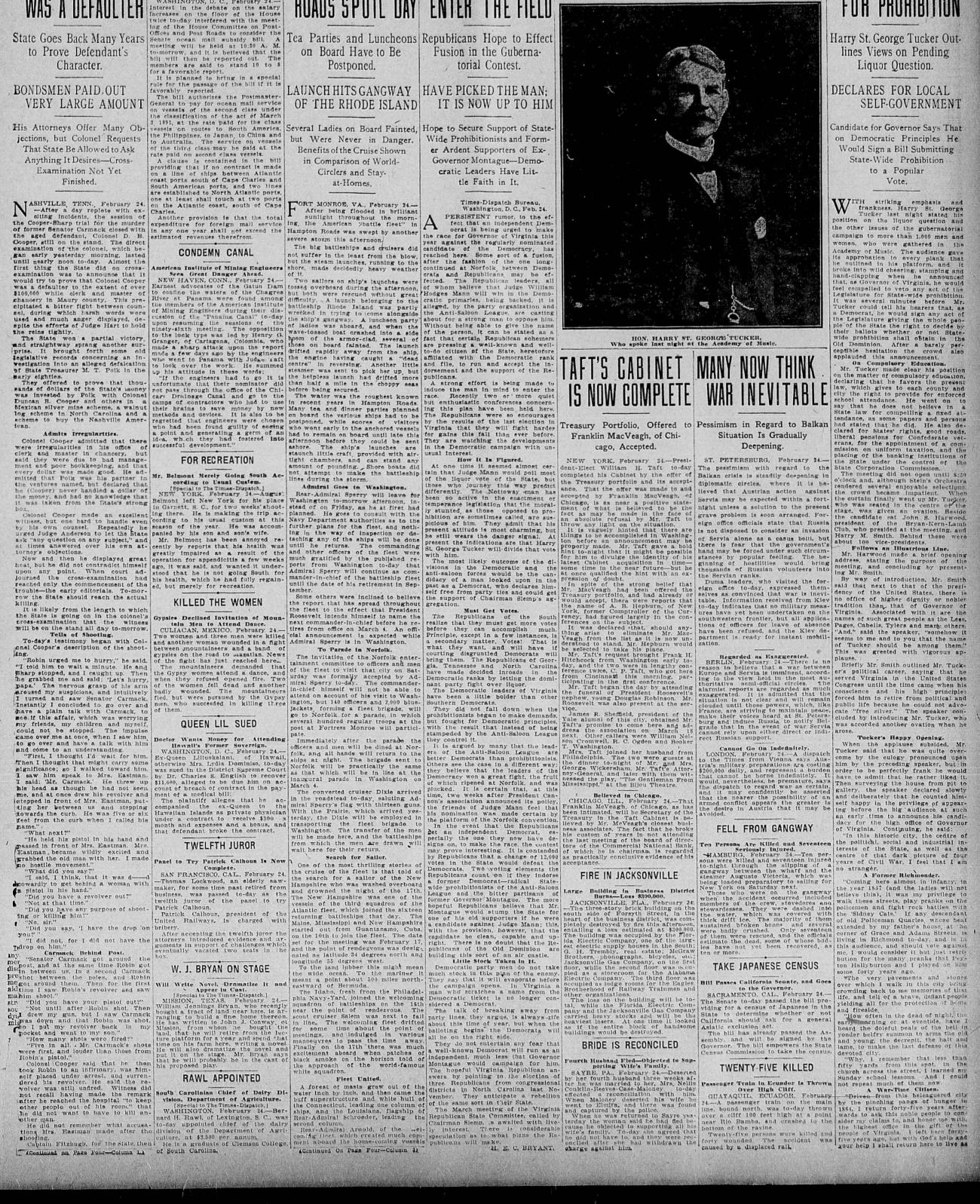
ROUGH WATERS IN INDEPENDENT MAY ROADS SPOIL DAY ENTER THE FIELD

Tea Parties and Luncheons Republicans Hope to Effect on Board Have to Be Postponed.

LAUNCH HITS GANGWAY | HAVE PICKED THE MAN; OF THE RHODE ISLAND

Several Ladies on Board Fainted, Hope to Secure Support of Statebut Were Never in Danger. Benefits of the Cruise Shown in Comparison of World-Circlers and Stay. at-Homes.

Opens Campaign for Governor



WOULD VETO BILL FOR PROHIBITION

Harry St. George Tucker Outlines Views on Pending Liquor Question.

DECLARES FOR LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

Candidate for Governor Says That on Democratic Principles He Would Sign a Bill Submitting State-Wide Prohibition to a Popular

Vote.

WITH striking emphasis and frankness. Harry St. George Tucker last night stated his position on the liquor question and the other issues of the gubernatorial